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VESPER SERVICE.



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ORDER

OF

VESPER SERVICE,

FOR THE USE OF THE

NEW JERUSALEM CHURCH,

ARRANGED FROM THE SACRED SCRIPTURE.



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EXPLANATION OF THE ORDER OF SERVICE.

FIRST SERIES.

HUMILIATION AND PRAYER. PREDOMINANT ATTITUDE, KNEELING.

1. Invocation, or opening prayer from the Word ; repeated by the minister, all kneeling.
2. Responsive reading of a Supplicatory Psalm by minister and people, standing.
3. Selection from a similar Psalm chanted by the choir and congregation, standing.
4. Prayers ; all kneeling ; ending always with the Lord's Prayer, repeated by minister and people together.
5. Voluntary Response by the choir, people sitting.

SECOND SERIES.

TEACHING OR INSTRUCTION. PREDOMINANT ATTITUDE, SITTING.

6. A Meditation on the Divine Word, read by the minister, from Psalm cxix.
7. A Chapter or Lesson from the Old Testament.
8. A Chapter or Lesson from the New Testament.
9. The Creed, or Summary of Doctrine.
10. The New Jerusalem Service, or Alternated Psalm, the Responses chanted, standing.
11. Readings from the Writings of the Church, with explanatory remarks ; or an Address, of about 15 minutes.

THIRD SERIES.

PRaise AND THANKSGIVING. PREDOMINANT ATTITUDE, STANDING.

12. The Call to Praise ; read by the minister.
13. A Gospel Hymn,—the *Magnificat*, *Benedictus*, *Gloria in Excelsis*, *Hosanna*, or *Nunc Dimittis*, chanted, all standing.
14. A portion of the Praise Psalter read responsively by minister and people, standing.
15. An Apocalyptic Anthem.
16. Benediction.

PART I.

ORDER OF VESPER SERVICE

FOR THE

FIRST SUNDAY IN THE MONTH.

The Minister commences the Service by laying the open Word upon the desk, and announcing the Order for the Sunday of the month;—then all kneeling down, he repeats the following (or some similar)

INVOCATION.

UNTO thee will I cry, O Lord my Rock; be not silent to me: lest, if thou be silent to me, I become like them that go down into the pit. Hear the voice of my supplications, when I cry unto thee, when I lift up my hands toward thy holy oracle. Draw me not away with the wicked, and with the workers of iniquity, which speak peace to their neighbors, but mischief is in their hearts. Ps. xxviii.

¶ Then all standing, Minister and people will read responsively the following

SUPPLICATION.

ISAID, I will take heed to my ways, that I sin not with my tongue: I will keep my mouth with a bridle, while the wicked is before me.

Peo. I was dumb with silence; I held my peace even from good; and my sorrow was stirred.

Min. My heart was hot within me; while I was musing the fire burned: then spake I with my tongue.

P. LORD, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is; that I may know how frail I am.

M. Behold, thou hast made my days as an handbreadth ; and mine age is as nothing before thee : verily every man at his best estate is altogether vanity.

P. Surely every man walketh in a vain shew : surely they are disquieted in vain : he heapeth up riches, and knoweth not who shall gather them.

M. And now, Lord, what wait I for ? my hope is in thee.

P. Deliver me from all my transgressions : make me not the reproach of the foolish.

M. I was dumb, I opened not my mouth ; because thou didst it.

P. Remove thy stroke away from me : I am consumed by the blow of thine hand.

M. When thou with rebukes dost correct man for iniquity, thou makest his beauty to consume away like a moth : surely every man is vanity.

P. Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear unto my cry ; hold not thy peace at my tears : for I am a stranger with thee, and a sojourner, as all my fathers were.

M. O spare me, that I may recover strength, before I go hence, and be no more. [Ps. xxxix.

P. Judge me, O God, and plead my cause against an ungodly nation : O deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man.

M. For thou art the God of my strength : why dost thou cast me off ? why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy ?

P. O send out thy light and thy truth : let them lead me ; let them bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacles.

M. Then will I go unto the altar of God, unto God my exceeding joy : yea, upon the harp will I praise thee, O God my God.

P. Why art thou cast down, O my soul ? and why art thou disquieted within me ? hope in God : for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God. [Ps. xliii.

¶ The people still standing, the Choir will then chant the following

SUPPLICATORY SELECTION :

Selection 54.

HEAR the right, | O JEHOVAH ;
At|tend un|to my | cry.

2. Give ear | unto my | prayer,
Which goeth not | out of | feigned | lips.
3. Let my sentence come | forth from thy | presence :
Let thine eyes be|hold the | things that are | equal,
4. Thou hast | proved mine | heart :
Thou hast | visited | me in the | night.
5. Thou hast tried me, and | shalt find | nothing :
I am purposed that my | mouth shall | not trans|gress.
6. Concerning the works of man, by the | word of thy | lips
I have kept from the | paths of | the de|stroyer.
7. Hold my goings | in thy | paths,
That my | footsteps | do not | slip.

Ps. xvii. 1-5.

¶ The Minister will then say,

O COME, let us worship and bow down ;
Let us kneel before the face of Jehovah, our Maker.

¶ Then all kneeling, the Minister will offer

PRAYER :

Always ending with the Lord's Prayer, which the people will repeat with him, saying,—

OUR FATHER, who art in the heavens ; Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so also upon the earth. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation ; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, AMEN.

¶ The people then sitting, the Choir sings or chants a

VOLUNTARY RESPONSE.

¶ The Minister then reads the following (or a similar)

MEDITATION ON THE DIVINE WORD, FROM PS. CXIX.

G I M E L .

DEAL bountifully with thy servant, that I may live, and keep thy word.

Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.

I am a stranger in the earth: hide not thy commandments from me.

My soul breaketh for the longing that it hath unto thy judgments at all times.

Thou hast rebuked the proud that are cursed, which do err from thy commandments.

Remove from me reproach and contempt; for I have kept thy testimonies.

Princes also did sit and speak against me: but thy servant did meditate in thy statutes.

Thy testimonies also are my delight, and my counsellors.

¶ Then shall follow, a

LESSON FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT.

¶ Then, a

LESSON FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT.

¶ After which, the Minister will read the following

BOND OF FELLOWSHIP OF THE CHURCH UNIVERSAL.

THERE are three Essentials of the Church:—I. The aeknowledgment of the Divinity of the LORD.—II. The aeknowledgment of the Holiness of the WORD, and—III. The life which is called Charity.

According to the life which is Charity every man has faith; from the WORD he has a knowledge of what the life must be; and from the LORD he has reformation and salvation.

That there may be a Chureh, there must be Doctrine from the WORD: since without doctrine the WORD is not understood. But doctrine alone does not make the church with a man, but a life

according to it. It follows hence, that faith alone does not make the church ; but a life of faith, which is charity. Genuine doctrine is the doctrine of charity, and at the same time of faith ; and not the doctrine of faith without the former : for the doctrine of charity, and of faith at the same time, is the doctrine of life ; but not the doctrine of faith without the doctrine of charity.

They who are without the church, and acknowledge one GOD. and live according to their religion in a certain charity towards the neighbor, are in communion with those who are of the Church ; since no one who believes in a GOD, and lives well, is damned. Hence it is manifest, that the LORD's church is every where in the universal world ; although in particular it is where the LORD is acknowledged. and where the WORD is.

Every one in whom the church is, is saved ; but every one in whom the church is not, is condemned. H. D. 241-245.

¶ Then the People will say

AMEN.

¶ Then all standing, the Minister will read the

NEW JERUSALEM SERVICE:

The Choir chanting the Responses.

THE Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him to shew unto his servants, things which must shortly come to pass : and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John : Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all the things which he saw. I was in the spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last : and, what thou seest, write in a book and send it unto the seven Churches which are in Asia.

I.

And I saw a new Heaven, and a new Earth ; for the first Heaven and the first earth had passed away ; and there was no more sea.

For, behold ! | I cre|ate

New Heavens and a | new | earth :

And the former shall not | be re|membered

Nor come | into | mind.

II.

And I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of Heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

But be ye glad and re|joice for|ever,
In that which | I ere|ate :
For, behold ! I ereate Jerusalem | a re|joicing,
And her | people a joy.

III.

And I heard a great voice out of heaven, saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself will be with them, and be their God.

And it shall | come to | pass,
That from one new moon | to an|other,
And from one Sabbath | to an|other,
Shall all flesh come to worship before me, | saith Je|hovah.

IV.

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes ; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain ; for the former things are passed away.

And I will rejoice | in Je|rusalem,
And joy | in my | people :
And the voice of weeping shall no more | be heard | in her,
Nor the | voice of | crying.

V.

And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold I make all things new. And he said unto me, write : for these words are true and faithful.

For as the | new | heavens
And the new earth, which | I will | make,
Shall remain before me | saith Je|hovah,
So shall your seed and your | name re|main.

VI,

And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst, of the water of life freely. He that overcometh shall inherit all things ; and I will be his God and he shall be my son.

It shall come that I will gather all | nations and | tongues,
And they shall come and | see my | glory.

VII.

And the Spirit and the Bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come: And let him that is athirst, Come. And whoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

O every one that thirsteth, come | ye to the | waters !
And he that hath no money, come ye, | buy, and | eat.

VIII.

And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, having the glory of God.

Awake ! awake ! Put on thy | strength O | Zion !
Put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem the | holy | city !

IX.

And the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass. And I saw no temple therein, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.

And they shall call thee, The city | of Je|hovah,
The Zion of the Holy | one of | Israel.

X.

And the city had no need of the sun, nor of the moon to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the lamp thereof.

The sun shall be no more thy | light by | day,
Neither for brightness shall the moon give | light to | thee ;
But Jehovah shall be unto thee an ever|lasting | light,
And thy God, thy | glory. Amen. Amen.

† The people sitting : here follows the

READING FROM THE WRITINGS OF THE CHURCH, OR
A SHORT ADDRESS BY THE MINISTER.

¶ At the close of which, the Minister reads this (or some similar)

CALL TO PRAISE.

PRAISE ye the LORD. Praise, O ye servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD. Blessed by the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore. From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the LORD's name is to be praised.—Ps. cxiii. 1–3.

¶ After which, the people rising, there shall be sung or chanted, the

MAGNIFICAT.

Selection 256.

- M**Y soul doth magnify the | Lord,
And my spirit hath rejoiced in | God my | Saviour :
2. For he hath regarded the low es|tate · of his | handmaid ;
For, behold, from henceforth all gener-ations shall | call me | blessed.
 3. For he that is mighty hath done to | me great | things,
And | holy | is his | name.
 4. And his mercy is on | them that | fear him,
To gener|ations of gener|ations.
 5. He hath showed | strength · with his | arm ;
He hath scattered the proud in the imagin|ation | of their | heart.
 6. He hath put down the mighty | from their | seats,
And exalted | them of | low de|gree.
 7. He hath filled the hungry | with good | things,
And the rich he hath | sent | empty a|way.
 8. He hath holpen his servant | Isra|el,
In remembrance | of his | mercy :
 9. As he spake | to our | fathers,
To Abraham, and | to his | seed for | ever. Luke i. 46.

¶ Then shall be read by Minister and people, responsively, the
SONG OF MOSES AND THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL AT
THE RED SEA.

I WILL sing unto JEHOVAH, for he hath triumphed gloriously ; the
horse and his rider hath he cast into the sea.

Peo. JAH is my strength and song, and he has been my salva-
tion.

M. He is my God, and I will prepare him an habitation ; my
father's God, and I will exalt him.

P. JEHOVAH is a man of war : JEHOVAH is his name.

M. Pharoah's chariots and his host hath he cast into the sea : his chosen captains also are drowned in the Red Sea.

P. The depths have covered them : they sank into the bottom as a stone.

M. Thy right hand, O JEHOVAH, is become glorious in power : thy right hand, O JEHOVAH, hath dashed in pieces the enemy.

P. And in the greatness of thine excellency, thou hast overthrown them that rose up against thee.

M. Thou sentest forth thy wrath ; it consumed them as stubble.

P. And with the blast of thy nostrils, were the waters gathered together.

M. The floods stood upright as an heap ; the depths were congealed in the heart of the sea.

P. The enemy said, I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil :

M. My lust shall be satisfied upon them ; I will draw my sword, my hand shall destroy them.

P. Thou didst blow with thy wind, the sea covered them : they sank as lead in the mighty waters.

M. Who is like unto thee, O JEHOVAH, among the gods ? Who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders ?

P. Thou stretchedst out thy right hand ; the earth did swallow them.

M. Thou in thy merey hast led forth the people thou hast redeemed : thou hast guided them in thy strength to thy holy habitation.

P. The people shall hear and be afraid : sorrow shall take hold on the inhabitants of Philistia.

M. Then the dukes of Edom shall be amazed, the mighty men of Moab,

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P. Trembling shall take hold upon them ; all the inhabitants of Canaan shall melt away.

M. Fear and dread shall fall upon them ; by the greatness of thine arm they shall be still as a stone ;

P. Till the people pass over, O JEHOVAH, till the people pass over, which thou hast purchased.

M. Thou shalt bring them in, and plant them in the mountain of thine inheritance,

P. In the place, O JEHOVAH, thou hast wrought for them to dwell in. In the sanctuary, O LORD, thy hands have prepared.

M. JEHOVAH shall reign for ever and ever. Ex. xv. 1-18.

¶ Then shall be sung or chanted this

APOCALYPTIC ANTHEM.

Selection 260.

- UNTO him that | loved | us,
And washed us from our | sins in | his own | blood,
2. And hath made us kings and priests unto | GOD · and his FATHER.
To him be glory and dominion for | ever and | ever : A|men,
3. Behold, he cometh | with the | clouds ?
And every eye shall see him, and | they who | pierced | him.
4. And all the tribes of the | earth shall | wail
Because of him : | even | so ; A|men.
5. I am the Alpha | and · the O|mega,
The Beginning and the | End, | saith the | Lord ;
6. Who is, and who was, and who | is to | come ;
The Al|migh|ty.

Rev. 1. 5-8.

BENEDICTION.

GRACE be unto you, and peace, from him Who is, and Who was
and Who is to come ; and from the Seven Spirits that are be
fore His throne. AMEN.

PART II.

ORDER OF VESPER SERVICE

FOR THE

SECOND SUNDAY IN THE MONTH.

The Minister commences the Service by laying the open Word upon the desk, and announcing the Order for the Sunday of the month ;—then all kneeling, he repeats the following (or some similar)

INVOCATION.

HEAR my cry, O God ; attend unto my prayer. From the end of the earth, will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed : lead me to the rock that is higher than I. For thou hast been a shelter for me, and a strong tower from the enemy. I will abide in thy tabernacle for ever : I will trust in the covert of thy wings. Ps. lxi. 1-4.

¶ Then all standing, Minister and people will read responsively the following

SUPPLICATION.

THE LORD is my light and my salvation ; whom shall I fear ? the LORD is the strength of my life ; of whom shall I be afraid ?

Peo. When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.

Min. Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear : though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident.

P. One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after ; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.

M. For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion : in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me ; he shall set me up upon a rock.

P. And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me : therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy ; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the **LORD**.

M. Hear, O **LORD**, when I cry with my voice : have mercy also upon me, and answer me.

P. When thou saidst, Seek ye my face ; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, **LORD**, will I seek.

M. Hide not thy face far from me ; put not thy servant away in anger : thou hast been my help ; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

P. When my father and my mother forsake me, then the **LORD** will take me up.

M. Teach me thy way, O **LORD**, and lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies.

P. Deliver me not over unto the will of mine enemies : for false witnesses are risen up against me, and such as breathe out cruelty.

M. I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the **LORD** in the land of the living.

P. Wait on the **LORD** : be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart : wait, I say, on the **LORD**. Ps. xxxii.

¶ The people still standing, the Choir then will chant the following

SUPPLICATORY SELECTION.

Selection 55.

HEAR my prayer, | O JEHOVAH :

Give ear | unto my | suppli|cations.

2. In thy faithfulness | answer | me,

And | in thy | righteous|ness.

3. And enter not into judgment | with thy | servant :

For in thy sight shall no man | living be | justifi|ed.

4. For the enemy hath perse|cuted my | soul :
He hath smitten my | life | down · to the | ground.
5. He hath made me to | dwell in | darkness,
As those that | have been | long | dead.
6. Therefore is my spirit over|whelmed with|in me :
My heart with|in · me is | deso|late.
7. I remember the days of old ; I meditate on | all thy | works ;
I muse upon the | work | of thy | hands.
8. I stretch forth my | hands unto | thee :
My soul thirsteth sfter thee, | as a | thirsty | land. Ps. cxliii.

¶ The Minister will then say,

O COME, Let us Worship and bow down ;
Let us kneel before the face of Jehovah our Maker.

¶ Then all kneeling, the Minister will offer

P R A Y E R :

Always ending with the Lord's Prayer, which the people will repeat with him, saying,—

O UR FATHER, who art in the heavens ; Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdome come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so also upon the earth. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation ; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever, AMEN.

¶ The people then sitting, the Choir sings or chants a

VOLUNTARY RESPONSE.

¶ The Minister then reads the following (or a similar)

MEDITATION ON THE DIVINE WORD, FROM PS. CXIX.

V A U .

L ET thy mercies come also unto me, O LORD, even thy salvation, according to thy word.

So shall I have wherewith to answer him that reproacheth me : for I trust in thy word.

And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth ; for I have hoped in thy judgments.

So shall I keep thy law continually for ever and ever.

And I will walk at liberty ; for I seek thy precepts.

I will speak of thy testimonies also before kings, and will not be ashamed.

And I will delight myself in thy commandments, which I have loved.

My hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments, which I have loved ; and I will meditate in thy statutes.

¶ Then shall follow, a

LESSON FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT.

¶ Then, a

LESSON FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT.

¶ After which, the Minister will read the following

SUMMARY OF DOCTRINE.

THAT there is one GOD : that in him is a Divine Trinity, called the FATHER, the SON, and the HOLY SPIRIT : that these three are distinct, and at the same time united in him, as the soul, the body, and the operation are in man ; and that the one GOD is the LORD JESUS CHRIST.

2. That saving faith is to believe in him as the Redeemer, Regenerator, and Saviour from sin.

3. That the Sacred Scripture is Divine Truth : that it is revealed to us as a means by which we may distinguish between good and evil ; by which we may be delivered from the influence of evil spirits ; and by which we may become associated with angels, and conjoined with the LORD.

4. That we must abstain from doing evil, because it is of the devil and from the devil : that we must do good, because it is of God and from God.

5. That in abstaining from evil and in doing good we are to act as of ourselves ; but we must at the same time believe and acknowledge that the will, the understanding, and the power to do so, are of the LORD alone.

¶ Then the people will say,

AMEN.

¶ Then all standing, the Minister will read the

QUI HABITAT.

The Choir chanting the responses.

I.

HE that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most high shall abide
under the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge | and my | fortress :
My God ; in | him | will I | trust.

II.

Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from
the noisome pestilence.

He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his | wings shalt thou {
trust :
His truth shall | be thy | shield and | buckler.

III.

Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night ; nor for the arrow
that flieth by day.

Nor for the pestilence that | walketh in | darkness ;
Nor for the de|struction that | wasteth at | noon day.

IV.

A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand,
but it shall not come nigh thee.

Only with thine eyes shalt | thou be|hold
And see the re|ward | of the | wicked.

V.

Because thou hast made the LORD which is my refuge, even the
most High, thy habitation ;

There shall no | evil be|fall thee,
Neither shall any | plague come | nigh thy | dwelling.

VI.

For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all
thy ways.

They shall bear thee | up in their | hands,
Lest thou dash thy | foot a|gainst a | stone.

VII.

Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder ; the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.

Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I de|liver | him :
I will set him on high, be|cause he hath | known my | name.

VIII.

He shall call upon me, and I will answer him : I will be with him in trouble ; I will deliver him, and honor him.

With long life will I | satisfy | him,
And | shew him | my sal|vation.

Ps. xci.

¶ The people sitting : here follows the

READING FROM THE WRITINGS OF THE CHURCH, OR
A SHORT ADDRESS BY THE MINISTER.

¶ At the close of which, the Minister reads this (or some similar)

CALL TO PRAISE.

O PRAISE the LORD, all ye nations ; praise him all ye people.
For his merciful kindness is great toward us : and the truth of
the LORD endureth for ever. Praise ye the LORD. Ps. cxvii.

¶ After which, the people rising, there shall be sung or chanted, the

B E N E D I C T U S .

Selection 208.

BLESSED be the LORD GOD of | Isra|el ;
For he hath visited | and re|deemed his | people ;
2. And hath raised up an horn of sal|vation | for us,
In the | house * of his | servant | David.
3. As he spake by the mouth of his | holy | prophets,
Who have been | since the | world be|gan ;
4. That we should be saved from our | ene|mies,
And from the | hand of | all that | hate us.
5. To perform the merey promised | to our | fathers,
And to remember his | holy | cove|nant ;
6. The oath which he swear to our father | Abra|ham,
That he would | grant | unto | us ;
7. That we, being delivered from the hand of our | ene|mies,
Might | serve him | without | fear,
8. In holiness and in | righteous|ness,
All the | days | of our | life.

9. And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet | of the HIGHEST ;
 For thou shalt go before the face of the | LORD • to pre|pare | his
 ways ;
10. To give knowledge of salvation | to his | people,
 By the re|mission | of their | sins :
11. Through the tender mercies | of our | GOD,
 Whereby the dayspring from on | high hath | vis-ited | us :
12. To give light to them that sit in darkness and the | shad-ow of |
 death,
 To guide our feet | in-to the | way of | peace. Luke i. 68.

¶ Then shall be read by Minister and people, responsively, the

EXALTABO TE, DEUS.

I WILL extol thee, my God, O King ; and I will bless thy name
 for ever and ever.

Peo. Every day will I bless thee ; and I will praise thy name for
 ever and ever.

Min. Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised ; and his great-
 ness is unsearchable.

P. One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall
 declare thy mighty acts.

M. I will speak of the glorious honor of thy majesty, and of thy
 wondrous works.

P. And men shall speak of the might of thy terrible acts : and I
 will declare thy greatness.

M. They shall abundantly utter the memory of thy great goodness,
 and shall sing of thy righteousness.

P. The LORD is gracious, and full of compassion ; slow to anger,
 and of great mercy.

M. The LORD is good to all : and his tender mercies are over all
 his works.

P. All thy works shall praise thee, O LORD ; and thy saints shall
 bless thee.

M. They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy
 power ;

P. To make known to the sons of men his mighty acts, and the
 glorious majesty of his kingdom.

M. Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion endureth throughout all generations.

P. The LORD upholdeth all that fall, and raiseth up all those that be bowed down.

M. The eyes of all wait upon thee : and thou givest them their meat in due season.

P. Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.

M. The LORD is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works.

P. The LORD is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all them that call upon him in truth.

M. He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him : he also will hear their cry, and will save them.

P. The LORD preserveth all them that love him ; but all the wicked will he destroy.

M. My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD : and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever. Ps. cxlv.

¶ Then shall be sung or chanted this

APOCALYPTIC ANTHEM.

Selection 261.

- H**OLY, Holy; Holy, LORD | GOD Al|mighty,
 Who was and who | is, and who | is to | come. Rev. iv. 8.
 2. Thou art | worthy, O | LORD,
 To receive | glory, and | honor, and | power :
 3. For thou hast cre|ated all | things ;
 And for thy pleasure they | are, and | were cre|ated.

Dox. Amen : Blessing, and | glory, and | wisdom,
 And thanksgiving, and | honor, and | power, and | might,
 Be | unto our | GOD,
 For | ever and | ever : A|men. Rev. vii. 12.

BENEDICTION.

GRACE be unto you, and peace, from JESUS CHRIST, the Faithful
 Witness, the first Begotten of the dead, and the Prince of the
 kings of the earth. AMEN. Rev. i. 4,5.

PART III.

ORDER OF VESPER SERVICE

FOR THE

THIRD SUNDAY IN THE MONTH.

The Minister commences the Service by laying the open Word upon the desk, and announcing the Order for the Sunday of the month;—then all kneeling down, he repeats the following (or some similar)

INVOCATION.

HOW amiable are thy tabernacles, O LORD of hosts! My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God. O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer: give ear, O God of Jacob. Behold, O God our shield, and look upon the face of thine anointed. For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

Ps. lxxxiv.

¶ Then all standing, Minister and people will read responsively the following

SUPPLICATION.

O LORD God of my salvation, I have cried day and night before thee:

Peo. Let my prayer come before thee: incline thine ear unto my cry;

Min. For my soul is full of troubles: and my life draweth nigh unto the grave.

P. I am counted with them that go down into the pit : I am as a man that hath no strength.

M. Free among the dead, like the slain that lie in the grave whom thou rememberest no more : and they are cut off from thy hand.

P. Thou hast laid me in the lowest pit, in darkness, in the deeps.

M. Thy wrath lieth hard upon me, and thou hast afflicted me with all thy waves

P. Thou hast put away mine acquaintance far from me : thou hast made me an abomination unto them : I am shut up, and I cannot come forth.

M. Mine eye mourneth by reason of affliction : LORD, I have called daily upon thee, I have stretched out my hands unto thee.

P. Wilt thou shew wonders to the dead ? shall the dead arise and praise thee ?

M. Shall thy loving-kindness be declared in the grave ? or thy faithfulness in destruction ?

P. Shall thy wonders be known in the dark ? and thy righteousness in the land of forgetfulness ?

M. But unto thee have I cried, O LORD ; and in the morning shall my prayer prevent thee.

P. LORD, why casteth thou off my soul ? why hidest thou thy face from me ?

M. I am afflicted and ready to die from my youth up ? while I suffer thy terrors I am distracted.

P. Thy fierce wrath goeth over me ; thy terrors have cut me off.

M. They came round about me daily like water ; they compassed me about together.

P. Lover and friend hast thou put far from me, and mine acquaintance into darkness.

Ps. lxxxviii.

¶ The people still standing, the Choir will then chant the following

SUPPLICATORY SELECTION :

Selection 4.

HEAR me | when I | call,
O | GOD · of my | righteous|ness.

2. Thou hast enlarged me when | in dis|tress ;
Have mercy up|on · me, and | hear my | prayer.
3. O ye sons of men, how long shall my glory | be for | shame ?
How long will ye love vanity and | seek | after | lying ?
4. But know that JEHOVAH hath set apart the godly | for him|self :
JEHOVAH will hear me | when I | call unto | him.
5. Stand in awe | and sin | not :
Commune with your own heart up|on your | bed, and be | still.
6. Offer the sacrifices of | righteous|ness,
And put your | trust | in JEHOVAH.
7. There be many that say, Who will | show us | good ?
O JEHOVAH, lift up the light of thy | counte|nance up|on us.
8. Thou hast put gladness | in my | heart,
More than in the time their | corn · and their | wine in|creased.
9. I will lay me down in | peace and | sleep ;
For thou only, O JEHOVAH, dost | make me | dwell in | safety.

Ps. iv.

¶ The Minister will then say,

O COME, let us worship and bow down ;
Let us kneel before the face of Jehovah, our Maker.

¶ Then all kneeling, the Minister will offer

P R A Y E R :

Always ending with the Lord's Prayer, which the people will repeat with him, saying,—

OUR FATHER, who art in the heavens ; Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so also upon the earth. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation ; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, AMEN.

¶ The people then sitting, the Choir sings or chants a

VOLUNTARY RESPONSE.

¶ The Minister then reads the following (or a similar)

MEDITATION ON THE DIVINE WORD, FROM PS. CXIX.

MEM.

O HOW love I thy law ! it is my meditation all the day. Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies : for they are ever with me.

I have more understanding than all my teachers : for thy testimonies are my meditation.

I understand more than the ancients, because I keep thy precepts.

I have refrained my feet from every evil way, that I might keep thy word.

I have not departed from thy judgments : for thou hast taught me.

How sweet are thy words unto my taste ! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth.

Through thy precepts I get understanding : therefore I hate every false way.

¶ Then shall follow, a

LESSON FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT.

¶ Then, a

LESSON FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT.

¶ After which, the Minister will read the following

NEW CHURCH CREED.

THAT there is one God, one both in Essence and in Person, in Whom is a Divine Trinity, called the FATHER, the SON, and the HOLY SPIRIT, or Divine Love, Divine Wisdom, and Divine Power, or outflowing Life ; thus a Trinity not of *Persons*, but of attributes or essentials, distinct and at the same time united in Him, like the soul, the body, and the proceeding operation or activity in man ; and that this one God is the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is JEHOVAH, in a glorified Human Form.

2. That the Lord, who is JEHOVAH, Himself, descended from Heaven as Divine Truth, or the *Word*, and assumed human nature ; and, as the "*Word made flesh*," combatted and subdued the powers of hell, thus accomplishing the work of man's redemption : and by

uniting at the same time His human nature to the Divine, continually keeps the infernal powers in subjection, and imparts the benefits of salvation and eternal life to all who believe in Him, and live according to His commandments.

3. That the *Sacred Scripture* is in the fullest sense, the Word of God, being divinely inspired and holy in every syllable, and containing throughout a *Spiritual sense*, relating to the concerns of eternity and salvation; whence it is the medium of association with angels, and of conjunction with the Lord.

4. That, in order to be saved, man must be *regenerated*, or progressively, and, as to his spirit, *created anew*; to which end he must abstain from doing evil, in all its forms, because it is of the devil and from the devil, and he must do good of everykind, because it is of God and from God; and that in abstaining from evil and in doing good, he is to act as of himself, but he must at the same time believe and acknowledge that the will, the understanding and the power to do so, are of the Lord alone.

5. That the *second coming* of the Lord is not a *personal appearing* of the Son of Man to destroy the world, but consists in a new and more glorious manifestation of His Divine Truth to mankind; together with the renovation of His Church on earth, and its restoration to a state of unparalleled purity, prosperity and glory; which renovation and restoration have, as we believe, already commenced, and are now actively in progress.

¶ Then the People will say

AMEN.

¶ Then all standing, the Minister will read the

BENEDIC, ANIMA MEA.

The Choir chanting the Responses.

I.

BLESS the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Bless the LORD, | O my | soul,
And forget not | all his | bene|fits :

II.

Who forgiveth all thine iniquities ; who healeth all thy diseases.

Who redeemeth thy | life from de|struction ;

Who crowneth thee with loving|kindness and | tender | mercies ;

III.

Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things ; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The LORD executeth | righteous|ness

And judgment for | all that | are op|pressed.

IV.

He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel.

The LORD is | merciful and | gracious,

Slow to | anger, and | plenteous in | mercy.

V.

He will not always chide ; neither will he keep his anger for ever.

He hath not dealt with us | after our | sins ;

Nor rewarded us ac|cording to | our in|iquities.

VI.

For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him.

As far as the east is | from the | west,

So far hath he removed | our trans|gressions | from us.

VII.

Like as a father pitieth his children, so the LORD pitieth them that fear him.

For he | knoweth our | frame ;

He remembereth | that | we are | dust.

VIII.

As for man, his days are as grass : as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.

For the wind passeth over it, and | it is | gone ;

And the place there|of shall | know it no | more.

IX.

But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children ;

To such as keep his | cove|nant,
And to those that remember | his com|mandments to | do them.

X.

The LORD hath prepared his throne in the heavens ; and his kingdom ruleth over all.

Bless ye the LORD, ye his angels, that ex|cel in | strength,
That do his commandments, hearkening | unto the | voice of his | word.

XI.

Bless ye the LORD, all ye his hosts ; ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure.

Bless the LORD, all his works in all places of | his do|minion :
Bless the | LORD, | O my | soul. Ps. ciii.

¶ The people sitting : here follows the

READING FROM THE WRITINGS OF THE CHURCH, OR
A SHORT ADDRESS BY THE MINISTER.

¶ At the close of which, the Minister reads this (or some similar)

CALL TO PRAISE.

PRAISE ye the LORD. Praise ye the name of the LORD ; praise him, O ye servants of the LORD. Ye that stand in the house of the LORD, in the courts of the house of our God. Praise the LORD ; for the LORD is good ; sing praises unto his name : for it is pleasant.

Ps. cxxxv. 1-3.

¶ After which, the people rising, there shall be sung or chanted, the

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS.

Selection 258.

AND in the same country were shepherds abiding | in the | field,
Keeping watch | over their | flock by | night.
2. And, lo, the angel of the LORD | came up|on them,
And the glory of the | LORD shone | round a|bout them.
3. And they were | sore a|fraid :
And the angel | said unto | them, Fear | not :

4. For, behold, I | bring you · good | tidings
Of great joy, which | shall be | to all | people.
5. For to you in the city of David is | born this | day
A Saviour, ¶ who is | CHRIST the | LORD.
6. And this shall be a | sign unto | you :
Ye shall find the babe, wrapped in swaddling clothes, || lying in a |
manger.
7. And suddenly there | was · with the | angel,
A multitude of the heavenly host, | praising | God, and | saying,
8. Glory to | God · in the | highest :
And on earth | peace ; among | men good | will. Luke ii. 8.

¶ Then shall be read by Minister and people, responsively, the

LAUDE DOMINUM.

PRAISE ye the LORD: for it is good to sing praises unto our God ;
for it is pleasant ; and praise is comely.

Peo. The LORD doth build up Jerusalem : he gathereth together
the outcasts of Israel.

Min. He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.

P. He telleth the number of the stars ; he calleth them all by their
names.

M. Great is our Lord, and of great power : his understanding is
infinite.

P. The LORD lifteth up the meek : he casteth the wicked down to
the ground.

M. Sing unto the LORD with thanksgiving : sing praise upon the
harp unto our God.

P. Who covereth the heaven with clouds, who prepareth rain for
earth, who maketh grass to grow upon the mountains.

M. He giveth to the beast his food, and to the young ravens
which cry.

P. He delighteth not in the strength of the horse : he taketh not
pleasure in the legs of a man.

M. The LORD taketh pleasure in them that fear him, in those that
hope in his mercy.

P. Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem ; praise thy God, O Zion.

M. For he hath strengthened the bars of thy gates; he hath blessed thy children within thee.

P. He maketh peace in thy borders, and fillest thee with the finest of the wheat.

M. He sendeth forth his commandment upon earth: his word runneth very swiftly.

P. He giveth snow like wool: he scattereth the hoar-frost like ashes.

M. He casteth forth his ice like morsels: who can stand before his cold?

P. He sendeth out his word, and melteth them: he causeth his wind to blow, and the waters flow.

M. He sheweth his word unto Jacob, his statutes and his judgments unto Israel.

P. He hath not dealt so with any nation: and as for his judgments, they have not known them. Praise ye the LORD. Ps. cxlvii.

¶ Then shall be sung or chanted this

APOCALYPTIC ANTHEM.

Selection 265.

NOW is come the salvation, | and the | strength,
And the kingdom of our GOD, and the | power | of his |
CHRIST:

2. For the accuser of our brethren | is east | down,
Who accused them be|fore our | GOD · day and | night.
3. And they overcame him by the blood of the LAMB, and by the word
of their | testi|mony:
And they loved | not their | lives · unto | death.
4. Therefore rejoice, | O ye | heavens,
And | ye that | dwell in | them. Rev. xii. 10-12.

Dox. Amen: Blessing, and | glory, and | wisdom;
And thanksgiving, and | honor, and | power, and | might,
Be | un|to our | GOD,
For | ever and | ever: A|men. Rev. vii. 12.

BENEDICTION.

GRACE be unto you, and peace, from him Who is, and Who was,
and Who is to come. AMEN.



PART IV.

ORDER OF VESPER SERVICE

FOR THE

FOURTH SUNDAY IN THE MONTH.

The Minister commences the Service by laying the open Word upon the desk, and annoucing the Order for the Sunday of the month ;—then all kneeling, he repeats the following (or some similar)

INVOCATION.

GIVE ear, O LORD, unto my prayer ; and attend unto the voice of my supplications. In the day of my trouble I will eall upon thee : for thou wilt answer me. Among the gods there is none like unto thee, O Lord ; neither are there any works like unto thy works. All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O LORD ; and shall glorify thy name. For thou art great, and doest wondrous things : thou art God alone.

¶ Then all standing, Minister and people will read responsively the following

SUPPLICATION.

HAVE mercy upon me, O God, according to thy loving-kindness : according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.

Peo. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

Min. For I acknowledge my transgressions : and my sin is ever before me.

P. Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in

thy sight : that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest.

M. Behold, I was shapen in iniquity ; and in sin did my mother conceive me.

P. Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts : and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom.

M. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean : wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

P. Make me to hear joy and gladness ; that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

M. Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities.

P. Create in me a clean heart, O God ; and renew a right spirit within me.

M. Cast me not away from thy presenee ; and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.

P. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation ; and uphold me with thy free Spirit.

M. Then will I teach transgressors thy ways ; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

P. Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation : and my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness.

M. O Lord, open thou my lips, and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

P. For thou desirest not sacrifice ; else would I give it : thou delightest not in burnt-offering.

M. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit : a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

P. Do good in thy good pleasure unto Zion : build thou the walls of Jerusalem.

M. Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, with burnt-offering and whole burnt-offering : then shall they offer bullocks upon thine altar.

Ps. li.

¶ The people still standing, the Choir then will chant the following

SUPPLICATORY SELECTION.

Selection 68.

HEAR my cry, O God; at|tend · to my | prayer :

From the end of the earth will I | cry | unto | thee :

2. When mine heart is | over|whelmed,
Lead me to the | Rock · that is | high·er than | I.
3. For thou hast been a | shelter | for me,
A strong tower | from the | ene|my.
4. I will abide forever in thy | taber|nacle :
I will trust in the | covert | of thy | wings.
5. For thou, O GOD, hast | heard my | vows :
Thou hast given me the heritage of | those that | fear thy | name.
6. Thou wilt add days to the | days · of the | king ;
His years as gener|ation and | gener|ation.
7. He shall abide before | GOD for | ever :
O prepare mercy and | truth ; let | them pre|serve him.
8. So will I sing praise unto thy | name for | ever,
That I may | dai·ly per|form my | vows.

Ps. lxi.

¶ The Minister will then say,

O COME, Let us Worship and bow down ;
Let us kneel before the face of Jehovah our Maker.

¶ Then all kneeling, the Minister will offer

PRAYER :

Always ending with the Lord's Prayer, which the people will repeat with him, saying,—

OUR FATHER, who art in the heavens; Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdome come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so also upon the earth. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever, AMEN.

¶ The people then sitting, the Choir sings or chants a

VOLUNTARY RESPONSE.

¶ The Minister then reads the following (or a similar)

MEDITATION ON THE DIVINE WORD, FROM PS. CXIX.

N U N .

THY word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. I have sworn, and I will perform it, that I will keep thy righteous judgments.

I am afflicted very much : quicken me, O LORD, according unto thy word.

Accept, I beseech thee, the free-will-offering of my mouth, O LORD, and teach me thy judgments.

My soul is continually in my hand : yet do I not forget thy law.

The wicked have laid a snare for me : yet I erred not from thy precepts.

Thy testimonies have I taken as an heritage forever : for they are the rejoicing of my heart.

I have inclined mine heart to perform thy statutes always even unto the end.

¶ Then shall follow, a

LESSON FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT.

¶ Then, a

LESSON FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT.

¶ After which, the Minister will read the following

CREED, OR SUMMARY STATEMENT.

WE believe in one God, our Father, Almighty, one in essence and in Person, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible, the Jehovah of the Old Testament ; who, on account of sin and for the salvation of men, assumed humanity, and came into the world, presenting himself in the flesh as our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. By temptations admitted into His Humanity He fought spiritually with the Devil and his angels and overcame them, subjugating the powers of hell and redeeming men from their bondage ; at the same time glorifying His Humanity, uniting it to and making it one with His Supreme Divinity. From His glorified Humanity He sheds forth upon heaven and the church a Divine effulgence called the Holy Spirit, as the solar orb sheds forth light and heat.

We believe in a life according to the commandments of God ; in the spiritual communion of all who obey His will, throughout the Church Universal ; in the dissipation of the physical body, and the rising of every one, at death, in a spiritual body, into the immortal or eternal world, to remain there forever.

We believe in the Holy Word, the Scriptures of Truth, inspired by the Lord through heaven and spoken by the prophets and evangelists ; our only guide, our only means of spiritual light ; Divine in every part, in its spirit and in its letter ; containing a Spiritual and Heavenly Meaning within the natural sense, for the eternal instruction of men and angels.

And we believe that now is the second Coming of the Lord ; a spiritual coming, consisting of the Revelation to men of the Spiritual Meaning of the Holy Word, the Revelation of the Heavenly System of Christian Doctrine, and the establishment of the final Church, signified by the New Jerusalem in the Book of Revelation.

¶ Then the people will say,

AMEN.

¶ Then all standing, the Minister will read the

CONFITEMINI DOMINO.

The Choir chanting the responses.

I.

O GIVE thanks unto the LORD, for he is good : for his mercy endureth forever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy ; and gathered them out of the lands : from the east, and from the west, from the north, and from the south. They wandered in the wilderness in a solitary way ; they found no city to dwell in. Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them. Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them out of their distresses. And he led them forth by the right way, that they might go to a city of habitation.

O that men would praise the | LORD for his | goodness,
And for his wonderful | works to the | children of | men !
For he satisfieth the | longing | soul,
And filleth the | hungry | soul with | goodness.

II.

Such as sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, being bound in affliction and iron ; because they rebelled against the words of God and contemned the counsel of the Most High : therefore he brought down their heart with labor ; they fell down, and there was none to help. Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble, and he saved them out of their distresses. He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and brake their bands in sunder.

O that men would praise the | LORD for his | goodness,
And for his wonderful | works to the | children of | men !
For he hath broken the | gates of | brass,
And cut the | bars of | iron a|sunder.

III.

Fools because of their transgression, and because of their iniquities, are afflicted. Their soul abhorreth all manner of meat ; and they draw near unto the gates of death. Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble, and he saveth them out of their distresses. He sent his word and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.

O that men would praise the | LORD for his | goodness,
And for his wonderful | works to the | children of | men !
And let them sacrifice the sacrifices | of thanks|giving,
And de|clare his | works with re|joicing.

IV.

They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters ; these see the works of the LORD, and his wonders in the deep. For he commandeth, and raiseth the stormy wind, which lifteth up the waves thereof. They mount up to the heaven, they go down again to the depths : their soul is melted because of trouble. They reel to and fro and stagger like a drunken man, and are at their wit's end. Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses. He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still. Then are they glad because they be quiet ; so he bringeth them unto their desired haven.

O that men would praise the | LORD for his | goodness,
And for his wonderful | works to the | children of | men !
Let them exalt him also in the congregation | of the | people,
And praise him in the As|sembly | of the | elders. Ps. cvii.

¶ The people sitting : here follows the

READING FROM THE WRITINGS OF THE CHURCH, OR
A SHORT ADDRESS BY THE MINISTER.

¶ At the close of which, the Minister reads this (or some similar)

CALL TO PRAISE.

O GIVE thanks unto the LORD ; for he is good : because his mercy endureth for ever. Let Israel now say, that his mercy endureth for ever. Let the house of Aaron now say, that his mercy endureth for ever. Let them now that fear the LORD say, that his mercy endureth forever. Ps. cxviii.

¶ After which, the people rising, there shall be sung or chanted, the

H O S A N N A .

Chant 198.

TELL ye the | daughter of | Zion,—
Behold, thy King | cometh | unto | thee ;
Meek, and riding up | on an | ass,
And upon a | colt the | foal of an | ass.
And the multitude that | went be|fore,
And they that | followed, | cried, | saying,
Hosanna !—
Blessed is he that cometh in the | name of the | LORD.
Ho|sanna | in the | highest. Matt. xxi. 5, 9.

¶ Or this.

Eighth Anthem.

HOSANNA !
Blessed is he that cometh in the | name of the | LORD :
Blessed be the | kingdom of our | Father | David,
That cometh in the | name of the | Lord :
Ho|sanna | in the | highest. Mark xi. 8, 10.

¶ Then shall be read by Minister and people, responsively, the

L A U D A T E D O M I N U M .

PRAISE ye the LORD. Praise ye the LORD from the heavens :
praise him in the heights.

Peo. Praise ye him, all his angels : praise ye him, all his hosts.

Min. Praise ye him, sun and moon : praise him, all ye stars of light.

P. Praise him, ye heavens of heavens, and ye waters that be above the heavens.

M. Let them praise the name of the Lord : for he commanded and they were created.

P. He hath also established them for ever and ever : he hath made a decree which shall not pass.

M. Praise the LORD from the earth, ye dragons and all deeps :

P. Fire, and hail ; snow, and vapor : stormy wind fulfilling his word :

M. Mountains, and all hills ; fruitful trees, and all cedars :

P. Beasts, and all cattle : creeping things, and flying fowl :

M. Kings of the earth, and all people : princes, and all judges of the earth.

P. Both young men, and maidens ; old men, and children :

M. Let them praise the name of the LORD : for his name alone is excellent ; his glory is above the earth and heaven.

P. He also exalteth the horn of his people, the praise of all his saints ; even of the children of Israel, a people near unto him. Praise ye the LORD. Ps. cxlviii.

¶ Then shall be sung or chanted this

APOCALYPTIC GLORIFICATION.

Selection 267.

A LLE|LU|IA :

For the LORD | GOD om|nipotent | reigneth.

2. Let us be | glad, and rejoice,
And give the | glory | unto | him :

3. For the marriage of the | LAMB is | come ;
And his | Wife hath | made · herself | ready.

4. And to her was granted that she should | be ar|rayed
In fine | linen | bright and | clean :

5. For the | fine | linen
Is the | righteous|ness of | saints.

6 Blessed are | they · that are | called
Unto the marriage | supper | of the | LAMB.

Rev. xix. 6.

Dox. Amen : Blessing, and | glory, and | wisdom,
And thanksgiving, and | hon'or, and | power, and | might,
Be | unto our | God,
For | ever and | ever : A|men. Rev. vii. 12.

B E N E D I C T I O N .

GRACE be unto you, and peace, from JESUS CHRIST, the Faithful
Witness, the first Begotten of the dead, and the Prince of the
kings of the earth. AMEN. Rev. i. 4, 5.

PART V.

ORDER OF VESPER SERVICE

FOR THE

FIFTH SUNDAY IN THE MONTH.

The Minister commences the Service by laying the open Word upon the desk, and announcing the Order for the Sunday of the month ;—then all kneeling, he repeats the following (or some similar)

INVOCATION.

SAVE me, O God, by thy name, and judge me by thy strength. Hear my prayer, O God : give ear to the words of my mouth. I will freely sacrifice unto thee : I will praise thy name, O LORD ; for it is good.

¶ Then all standing, Minister and people will read responsively the following

SUPPLICATION.

UNTO thee, O LORD, do I lift up my soul. O my God, I trust in thee : let me not be ashamed, let not mine enemies triumph over me.

Peo. Yea, let none that wait on thee be ashamed : let them be ashamed which transgress without cause.

Min. Shew me thy ways, O LORD ; teach me thy paths.

P. Lead me in thy truth, and teach me : for thou art the God of my salvation ; on thee do I wait all the day.

M. Remember, O LORD, thy tender mercies and thy loving-kindnesses ; for they have been ever of old.

P. Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions : according to thy mercy remember thou me for thy goodness' sake, O LORD.

M. Good and upright is the LORD : therefore will he teach sinners in the way.

P. The meek will he guide in judgment : and the meek will he teach his way.

M. All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.

P. For thy name's sake, O LORD, pardon mine iniquity ; for it is great.

M. What man is he that feareth the LORD ? him shall he teach in the way that he shall choose.

P. His soul shall dwell at ease ; and his seed shall inherit the earth.

M. The secret of the LORD is with them that fear him ; and he will shew them his covenant.

P. Mine eyes are ever toward the LORD ; for he shall pluck my feet out of the net.

M. Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me ; for I am desolate and afflicted.

P. The troubles of my heart are enlarged : O bring thou me out of my distresses.

M. Look upon mine affliction and my pain ; and forgive all my sins.

P. Consider mine enemies ; for they are many ; and they hate me with cruel hatred.

M. O keep my soul, and deliver me : let me not be ashamed ; for I put my trust in thee.

P. Let integrity and uprightness preserve me ; for I wait on thee.

M. Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles. Ps. xxv.

¶ The people still standing, the Choir will then chant the following

SUPPLICATORY SELECTION:

Selection 64.

- G**IVE ear to my | prayer, O | God :
 And hide not thy|self from my | suppli|cation.
2. Attend unto | me, and | hear me :
 I mourn in my com|plaint, and | make a | noise :
 3. Because of the voice of the | ene|my ;
 Because of the op|pression | of the | wickèd :
 4. For they cast upon me in|iqui|ty ;
 And in | anger | do they | hate me.
 5. My heart is sorely | pained with|in me :
 And the terrors of | death are | fall'en up|on me.
 6. Fearfulness and trembling are | come up|on me ;
 And horror hath | over|whelmed | me.
 7. And I said, O that I had | wings · like a | dove ;
 I would fly a|way and | be at | rest.
 8. Lo, I would wander | far a|way,
 And re|main · in the | wilder|ness.
 9. I would hasten | my es|cape
 From the | windy | storm and | tempest.
 10. O that I had | wings · like a | dove ;
 I would fly a|way and | be at | rest.

Ps. lv.

¶ The Minister will then say,

O COME, let us worship and bow down ;
 Let us kneel before the face of Jehovah, our Maker.

¶ Then all kneeling, the Minister will offer

PRAYER :

Always ending with the Lord's Prayer, which the people will repeat with him, saying,—

OUR FATHER, who art in the heavens ; Hallowed be thy name.
 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so also upon the earth. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation ; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, **AMEN.**

¶ The people then sitting, the Choir sings or chants a

VOLUNTARY RESPONSE.

¶ The Minister then reads the following (or a similar)

MEDITATION ON THE DIVINE WORD, FROM PS. CXIX.

‘P E .

THY testimonies are wonderful: therefore doth my soul keep them.

The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.

I opened my mouth, and panted: for I longed for thy commandments.

Look thou upon me, and be merciful unto me, as thou used to do unto those that love thy name.

Order my steps in thy word: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me.

Deliver me from the oppression of man: so will I keep thy precepts.

Make thy face to shine upon thy servant: and teach me thy statutes.

Rivers of waters run down mine eyes, because they keep not thy law.

¶ Then shall follow, a

LESSON FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT.

¶ Then, a

LESSON FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT.

¶ After which, the Minister will read the following

CREED OF THE NEW CHURCH.

I BELIEVE in one God, in whom is a Divine Trinity, who is a being of Infinite love, wisdom and power, the Creator, Redeemer, and Regenerator; and that this one God is the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is JEHOVAH in a Divine or glorified Human Form.

I believe in the Sacred Scripture, as being the Word of God, or the Divine Truth itself: which is the fountain of wisdom to angels and men, and is able to make me wise unto Salvation.

I believe that if I would be saved, I must shun all evil as sin against God, and live a life according to the Ten Commandments.

I believe that when I die as to my natural body, I shall rise again in a spiritual body, and shall be judged according to my works; and that if my life has been good, I shall go to heaven, and become an angel, and be happy forever; but if my life has been evil, I shall go to hell, and become an infernal spirit, and be miserable forever.

I believe that Now is the time of the Second Coming of the Lord, and the commencement of the New Church called the New Jerusalem, in the Book of Revelation.

¶ Then the People will say

AMEN.

¶ Then all standing, the Minister will read the

EXPECTANS EXPECTAVI.

The Choir chanting the Responses.

I.

I WAITED patiently for the LORD, and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry.

He brought me up also out of the horrible pit, out of the | miry | clay,
And set my feet upon a | rock, and es|tablished my | goings.

II.

And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD.

Blessed is that man that maketh the | LORD his | trust,
And respecteth not the proud, nor such as | turn a|side to | lies.

III.

Many, O LORD my God, are thy wonderful works which thou hast done, and thy thoughts which are to us-ward: they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee: if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered.

Sacrifice and offering thou didst |not de|sire;

Mine ears hast thou opened: burnt-offering and sin-offering | hast thou |
not re|quired.

IV.

Then said I, Lo, I come : in the volume of the book it is written of me,

I delight to do thy will, | O my | God :
Yea, thy | law is with|in my | heart.

V.

I have preached righteousness in the great congregation : lo, I have not refrained my lips, O LORD, thou knowest.

I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart; I have declared thy
faithfulness and | thy sal|vation :
I have not concealed thy loving-kindness and thy | truth from the | great
congre|gation.

VI.

Withhold not thou thy tender mercies from me, O LORD : let thy loving-kindness and thy truth continually preserve me.

For innumerable evils have compassed me about ; mine iniquities have
taken hold upon me, so that I am not | able to look | up ;
They are more in number than the hairs of mine head : | therefore my |
heart | faileth me.

VII.

Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me : O LORD, make haste to help me.
Let them be ashamed and confounded together that seek after my | soul to
de|stroy it ;
Let them be driven backward and put to | shame that | wish me | evil.

VIII.

Let them be desolate for a reward of their shame that say unto me,
Aha, aha.

Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be | glad in | thee :
Let such as love thy salvation say continually, The | LORD be | magni|fied.

IX.

But I am poor and needy ; yet the LORD thinketh upon me : thou art my help and my deliverer : make no tarrying, O my God. [Ps.xl.

¶ The people sitting : here follows the

READING FROM THE WRITINGS OF THE CHURCH, OR
A SHORT ADDRESS BY THE MINISTER.

¶ At the close of which, the Minister reads this (or some similar)

CALL TO PRAISE.

O GIVE thanks unto the LORD; call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people. Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him; talk ye of all his wondrous works. Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the LORD. Seek the LORD, and his strength: seek his face evermore. Ps. cv. 1-4.

¶ After which, the people rising, there shall be sung or chanted, the

CANTATE DOMINO.

Selection 256.

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy Word:
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.
Luke ii.

¶ Then shall be read by Minister and people, responsively, the

CANTANTE DOMINO.

PRAISE ye the LORD. Sing unto the LORD a new song, and his praise in the congregation of saints.

Peo. Let Israel rejoice in him that made him: let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

Min. Let them praise his name in the dance: let them sing praises unto him with the timbrel and harp.

P. For the LORD taketh pleasure in his people: he will beautify the meek with salvation.

M. Let the saints be joyful in glory: let them sing aloud upon their beds.

P. Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a two-edged sword in their hand;

M. To execute vengeance upon the heathen, and punishments upon the people;

P. To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron;

M. To execute upon them the judgment written: this honor have all his saints. Praise ye the LORD. Ps. cxlix.

LAUDATE DOMINUM.

P. Praise ye the LORD. Praise God in the sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power.

M. Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness.

P. Praise him with the sound of the trumpet: praise him with the psaltery and harp.

M. Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and organs.

P. Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him upon the high-sounding cymbals.

M. Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD. Ps. cl.

¶ Then shall be sung or chanted this

APOCALYPTIC ANTHEM.

Selections 261-262.

HOLY, holy, holy, LORD | GOD Al|mighty,
Who was, and who | is, and who | is to | come. Rev. iv. 8.

2. Thou art | worthy, O | LORD,

To receive | glory, and | honor, and | power:

3. For thou hast cre|ated all | things;

And for thy pleasure they | are and | were cre|ated.

4. Great and marvellous are thy works, LORD | GOD Al|mighty;

Just and true are thy | ways, thou | King of | saints.

5. Who shall not fear | thee, O | LORD.

And glorify thy name? for | thou a|lone art | holy.

6. For all nations shall come and | wor|ship be|fore thee;

For thy judgments | are made | mani|fest. Rev. xv. 3, 4.

BENEDICTION.

GRACE be unto you, and peace, from him Who is, and Who was,
and Who is to come. AMEN.